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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are in the application.

Claims 1-30 are subject to restriction under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-7, drawn to a fuel cell comprising a heater arrangement connected to a fuel cell outlet, classified in class 429, subclass 34.

Group II: Claims 8-12, drawn to a fuel cell comprising a means for heating reactants and for sequentially activating fuel cells, classified in class 429, subclass 26.

Group III: Claims 13-23, drawn to method of operating a fuel cell system, classified in class 429, subclass 13.


Group IV: Claims 24-30, drawn to a system comprising a power consuming apparatus and a fuel cell system, classified in class 429, subclass 12.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I set of claims (Claims 1-7). Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications to any of the non-elected claims or similar claims, or with claims to any subject matter disclosed in the present application.

The application is considered to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take such action. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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